Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Richard B. Keigley, Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey; Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service; and Mark Schaefer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science; and public witnesses.

HOUSE RULES RECODIFICATION

Committee on Rules: Bipartisan Ad Hoc Task Force on the Recodification of House Rules met to discuss the Task Force agenda and goals.

The Task Force received a briefing on the Recodification of House Rules by Charles Johnson, Chief Parliamentarian of the House.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ethics Reform. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Surface Transportation Research Needs for the Next Century. Testimony was heard from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; David L. Winstead, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; and a public witness.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals: On the Administration's and Other Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals. Testimony was heard from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 4.

VA BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 VA Budget. Testimony was heard from Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ENCOURAGING ADOPTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Encouraging Adoption. Testimony was heard from Mark Nadel, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

ETHICS REFORM

Task Force on Ethics Reform: Met in executive session to discuss Ethics Reforms.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the Federal response to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.